

Reverse Raffle

Local #4444 held the Reverse Raffle in June. The Fire Chief and some Merit Board members were able to attend - it was good to see everyone! We sold 130 tickets this year and the raffle raised over \$5000. The \$1000 pot was split between Steve Reeves, Kevin Stindle, and Jesse Junker, Jean's son. They each took home \$333.33 [wink wink]. Great job everyone and a special thanks to Steve Reeves!

- Lieutenant Orbie Bowles

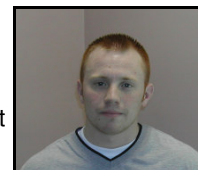
Final ten (l-r): Jerry Ryan, Donna Sweet, Arvina Fuller, John Wolfgang, Jesse Junker, Kevin Stindle, Mike Lux, Chris Rohr, Steve Reeves.



Goodbye Mike Marciniac

Mike is currently working for PHI Air Medical as a flight paramedic. Flight crews are composed of a pilot, nurse, and medic and work 24 hours every 5th day. He is working under Dr. Kaufmann and will be assigned to Anderson/Muncie initially and hopes to make it to the new base at St. Vincent's 86th St soon. Mike anticipates starting the paramedic transition to nurse program in January, which will last one full calendar year. He is also taking a few classes this semester.

His email is: ium-edic23@sbcglobal.net until he receives a PHI account.



Welcome Back Kip Benbow

One last hello from Afghanistan -

My Battalion (1st Battalion, 151st Infantry) is wrapping up a long 12 month deployment in Kabul, Afghanistan. I have seen a lot of things and met many interesting people. This country is so much different than what we are used to at home. Dry, hot, dusty and unforgiving. Definitely not the vacation in the sand and sun the recruiter talked about!

We have received thousands of pounds of humanitarian relief from people at home to help the refugees in our area of operations. Every week we have sent two or three missions out to the camps to deliver foodstuffs and clothing for people that are trying to start their lives over after fleeing from the Taliban so many years ago. At first we were received with curious and distrustful stares. Now when we come it is like a celebration. Instead of the melee that we encountered when we first went, now it is an orderly process of people standing in line and not arguing over who gets what. That is a very welcome change.

Our main mission here was to provide security and support to the soldiers that went out and trained the Afghan National Army. We also did routine security patrols, both mounted and dismounted around our base camp. In that respect we did a great job and we can leave satisfied. Now it is our turn to come home and restart our lives.

I am looking forward to seeing my fellow firefighters (I am still a recruit, so don't haze me too bad), family and friends. The hardest thing will be leaving this group of professional soldiers that I have come to know as a family since May 1, 2004. We have shared many a long night thinking of home and supporting each other when homesickness has set in too deeply. Now that we are close to home we will all think of each other as we progress back into our lives that was briefly interrupted by this deployment. Basically we left a family, made a new one. Now we have a common bond that we will share forever.

Soon my "bird" will be taking off and headed for home. It is a great feeling knowing that home is so near. I cannot wait to see all of you again. And if you ask nicely, I will be glad to share a story or two with you all. So with that I will sign off and pack my bags. Take care and I will see you soon.

On July 27th, Kip emailed:

To all!

It seems that we are going into customs tonight. That means in the next day or so, I am out of this country! Our plane is arriving in Indianapolis on the 30th at 945 PM. Just to let you know, we are not receiving visitors or anything like that. I will not be going to the

armory. Instead I will be going to straight to the de mobilization site. I will be home around the 5th or 6th of August. I want to thank all of you one last time from Afghanistan for all the support and prayers that you have sent my way. Without you, this deployment would have been a lot worse.

When I get home, please allow me time to re-acclimate to the environment that is the good ol' city of Carmel. It has been over a year and I know a lot of things have changed. I will be asked to do several things with a lot of people. Just remember that I am only one person, so I will get around to all of you to extend my thanks and gratitude. The first thing that I need to do is take a nap! But really, I need to spend some time with my family, check in with the Fire Department and then it is game on! I will contact you when I get a chance. Thank you again for all of your support and I will see you all in about 9 days or so!

Corporal Kip Benbow, C Company, 1-151 INF & FF Recruit



New Faces

Born April 21, 1980 in Cincinnati, OH. Moved to Indy in 1993 and went to Pike High School. Graduated from Gaylord High School in Gaylord, MI while playing hockey there in 1998.

Went to St. Norbert College in De Pere, WI and played hockey there for one semester in 2001.

Played minor pro hockey in for a short amount of time throughout 2002-2003.

Worked summer help for the Carmel Street Dept. 2000, 2001 and 2002. Started full time in 2003 and worked there until I was hired by the Carmel Fire Dept.

Married to Erin July 17, 2004. We had our first child, Cameron Gregory on August 9, 2005.

My parents are Gregory and Debbie Deitsch and I have three brothers, Shane, Josh, and Jason. Jason is my twin brother

Marc Deitsch



My name is Justin Cox. I am 22 years old and graduated from Carmel High School in 2002. I wrestled for 12 years and was freshman assistant coach for two years. After high school, I attended Ivy Tech State College and received an associate's degree in Fire Science. I then went on to pursue a bachelor's degree in building construction management from Purdue University. I have a few semesters left to finish my degree. I am currently single and have never been married. Some of my hobbies include playing guitar, fishing, and weight lifting. I look forward to serving my community as a Carmel firefighter.

Justin Cox



My name is Mark Bailey I am 34 years old. I have been a resident of Hamilton County for 27 years. I graduated from Noblesville High School in 1989. I went to Ball State University and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Exercise Science and Wellness. After college I worked as a physical therapy assistant, managed a Powerhouse Gym, started my own Personal Training and consulting business, and worked as a Landscaper. I currently reside in Noblesville and I am not married.

Mark Bailey



My name is Michael McNeely. I'm 22 years old. I'm single and I was born and raised in Indy. I studied mechanical engineering for two years at IUPUI, and obtained FF 1&2, EMT-B certs through Ivy Tech. Worked at Mike's Express Carwash on 96 St for six years as a manager (prefabrication) on the new stores, then took a job with a fire dept in Tennessee about five months before starting with the Carmel FD. I enjoy sports, motorcycles, cars, dogs, family, boating.... Plan to stay part time with Mike's Carwash after recruit school is over.

Mike McNeely

